

**REMARKS**

In order to advance prosecution of this case, Applicants amend Claims 1, 8, 16, 26 and 28. Applicants respectfully request favorable action in this case.

Applicants note with appreciation the numerous telephone conferences with Examiner Trung G. Nguyen, including the conference, on October 15, 2003. In the conference held on October 15, 2003, Applicants' representative Brad Williams and the Examiner discussed the prior verbal agreement between Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Williams (proposed by Mr. Nguyen) that the application would be allowable if the limitation of Claim 2 was incorporated into Claim 1, the limitation of Claim 16 was incorporated in Claim 8, and the limitation of Claim 28 was incorporated into Claim 26. It is Applicants' understanding that the Examiner did not receive Applicants' numerous phone messages agreeing to this proposal by the Examiner and therefore the Examiner issued the present restriction requirement. It is also Applicants' understanding that the Examiner indicated the case would be in condition for allowance if those amendments were made in the Response to Restriction Requirement. Applicants have done so, and respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. Applicants further respectfully submit that the restriction would not be appropriate given these amendments. In the event this understanding is not correct, Applicants provisionally elect Claims 8-20, and 22-32 to prosecute.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call their attorney at the number listed below.

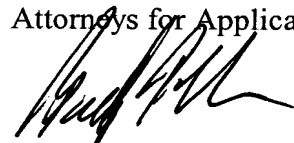
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Applicants believe no money is required for the filing of this response. The Commissioner, however, is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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